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Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 17-79 – Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment

Dear Commissioner Carr:

As the mayor of Mission, KS, a thriving suburb in the Kansas City metro area, I understand how important it is to create an environment that encourages businesses to invest in our community – particularly when it comes to infrastructure that benefits our residents, local companies, and positions our city to compete and grow in the years to come.

To encourage this investment, Mission has made a point to develop thoughtful municipal policies that protect the interests of our city and residents while also being flexible, welcoming and letting companies know that we are open for business. The result has been renewed growth in our city, increased interest by private investors, and more opportunities for Mission residents and businesses.

From what I understand, you have been advocating at the federal level for a similar, thoughtful approach to encouraging infrastructure investment – helping streamline rules and regulations where it makes sense while also creating conditions that encourage companies to invest capital and enhance technology infrastructure in local communities.

I support your efforts as you proceed with identifying and enacting additional ways to accomplish this goal. Our approach to municipal policy regarding technology investments in Mission has helped pave the way to the future for our residents and businesses, and enabled them to enjoy "big city services" in a friendly, small-town atmosphere. It has benefited our community and we think that others may also reap the benefits of a similar approach. Thank you for your work to lead this effort.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Appletoft  
Mayor